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Applicants	Timothy Raymond Hirst, et al.
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Examiner	Khatol Shahnan-Shah

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING RCE

Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination and is in response to the outstanding Final Office Action mailed July 26, 2004. Enclosed herewith is a Request for a three month extension of time to respond to the afore-mentioned outstanding Final Office Action as well as the appropriate fee. Applicant believes that no further fee is due in connection with the filing of this Response. However, if any further fee is due please charge Deposit Account No. 19-4516.

Mailing Certificate: I hereby certify that this correspondence is today being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as *First Class Mail* in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks; Post Office Box 1450; Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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